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Welcome to the latest issue of "In the Sticks" the newsletter of RuRAD, Rural Real Ale Drinkers. We hope you enjoy reading it.

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Cross Keys

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Anita & John welcome old and new friends to one of Belpers finest real ale houses.

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QUIZ NIGHT Tuesday 9.30pm

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Only pub in Belper in the GBG

Nicky at the Tavern, Belper informs us that the external restoration of the pub is now complete and that London Pride is selling well and is going to become a regular. Also they are now offering people the option to do their own food for functions or pay £4.95 a head. Free WiFi is available as well as Sky Sports & ESPN with multi-room, they also have their own marquee available for summer functions, which is free to customers

The Horse and Groom on Parker Street Derby continues to offer interesting guest beers, with Rat Brewery Red Rat 4.3% & Ossett Winter IPA 5% having being tried during January, also old favourites like Jaipur and beers from Oakham are regularly available too

John & Jean at the Anchor in Oakerthorpe have received a batch of new beers from Cropton Brewery, which include Festival Ale 5.2%, Some O That 4.9%, Summit Special 4.1%, and Oakerthorpe Ale at 4%, which have appeared on the bar during January and into February

The Imperial Vaults in Belper is to or already has closed, you may recall Colin Sinclair who used to run the Cross Keys on the Market Place giving it a go for about 18 months but even he gave up and is now at the Newshouse in Nottingham. The future for this pub is bleak with the upper floors being turned into flats and the pub becoming a shop

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Beer and Pub News

The results for Derby CAMRA pubs of the year was announced at the January branch meeting, the winning City Pub of the Year (and overall Pub of the Year) is the 5 Lamps on Duffield Road Derby and the winning Country Pub of the Year was the Royal Oak at Ockbrook for the second year running. Congratulations to the both of them for their achievements and dedication to running first class pubs serving quality real ale. There will be presentations to the winners on dates to be announced (Lets hope not at the beer festival trade session again! - Ed)

The Unicorn Inn at Newton Solney is holding it's 4th Winter Beer Festival 29th February to 4th March. There will be 20+ beers plus music from Tons of Roses, Willie & the Bandits, Nordic Giants, The Everly Pregnant Brothers and the Busketeers. This will be Paul Needham's last beer festival as he is moving to pastures new on July 5th after 6 ½ years at the helm so he hopes it will be a good send off. We wish him all the best. The festival is open Wed/Thur 5pm til close Fri/Sat 12 - 1am. www.unicorn-inn.co.uk

A recent visit to the Dog Inn at Pentrich, revealed two beers from the Nook Brewery a little brew pub from Holmfirth. What you might call a bit of a rarity for this area

Amber Valley CAMRA Update

1st February-Survey trip to Holbrook & Heage, bus leaves at 7:30pm from Ripley Market Place, for other pick up points or to book a place on the bus please contact Jane Wallis. 13th February-GBG selection meeting 8.15 Holly Bush, Marehay, Ripley. 23rd February Branch Meeting Wheel Holbrook 8.30. 27th February Pub of the Year presentations 8.30pm Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse (runner up) 10pm Hunter Arms, Kilburn (Winner). Contact Jane Wallis on 01773 745966

The newly opened Butchers Arms at Heanor is proving to be very popular and well supported by the locals the weekends are turning out to be very busy and when the second room is opened it will ease the lack of space when its packed, and believe is not far off completion

The Headmasters Office (formerly the Cricketers) in Kilburn has been sold. The Steampacket at Swanwick is up for sale. The Marquis of Ormonde, Denby has been sold and doubts remain as to whether it will stay a pub but the Crompton Tavern, Derby is to remain a pub, despite rumours to the contrary

The Talbot Taphouse, Ripley is still giving a 20p a pint discount to card carrying CAMRA Members on Amber Ales beers

The Wilmot Arms at Borrowash is now offering (as well as real ales) full English breakfasts for £3.50 7.15am - 11am and doner, lamb shish, chicken tikka & kofta kebabs to eat in or take-away 12pm - close. Call 01332 663636 for info

The Ockbrook Big Band will be playing free concerts at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook on the 5th, 12th, & 26th of February from 8 - 10pm. The ever popular Jammin' Session is on 8th from 8.30pm whilst the French dancing session is on 22nd from 8.30pm

Contracts were exchanged for the sale of the Black Bulls Head at Openwoodgate on January 13th and the new owners get the keys on February 9th. Presumably the pub will be shut for awhile so they can get the it how they want it. Nicky has already been busy sourcing suppliers and consulting some of the locals about their planned changes and hopefully these will be welcomed. As soon as Andy has made the necessary changes it will be another real ale pub on the never-ending circuit of pubs in the area. Looking forward to the proposed opening date of February 24th

News from Birmingham complements of Tim. Nigel (Barker) & Mike have opened the **Post Office Vaults** on New St, Birmingham in early January. Serving 8 real ales and a selection of 150 bottled beers including many Belgian beers (very handy for New St railway stn). There is also a new brewery come to life in Aston called the Beer Geek Brewery, which we believe will be supplying 4 beers to the Derby Winter Festival at the Roundhouse

Paul & Lyn welcome you to the

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Brewery News

Ashover - Ashover

Ashover Brewery's latest beer that they have produced is a 3% in the form of Hay-Lo which despite its strength, is said to be full of flavour

Dancing Duck - Derby

www.dancingduckbrewery.com

Dancing Duck Brewery has got the keys for its 2nd pub, the **New Zealand Arms** on the corner of Peel St & Langley St, Derby. The pub should reopen around the end of February

Falstaff - Derby

www.falstaffbrewery.co.uk

You may recall that the theme for Jim's beers last year was "Name the Film" well this year along the same lines the theme is "Name the Band" with each pump clip depicting a picture of a famous band member with his name or nickname written below, the first to appear was Bono 4.2% with the second being Rossi 4%. There is also a monthly beer produced exclusively for the **Babington Arms, Derby** which this year also has a music connection being Music Legends, January's offering is Jimi Hendrix 5%

Leadmill - Heanor

The new beer produced by Richard at the Leadmill Brewery is Langley Best Bitter at 3.6%

Marlpool - Marlpool

www.marlpoolbrewing.co.uk

The Marlpool Brewery Ale House is doing very well and it's current opening hours are Friday 3pm-9pm, Saturday & Sunday 12-9pm, and also plan to open on bank holidays as well. Andy also expects to have a new fermenter arriving for the brewery some time in February

Marston - Wolverhampton

www.marston.co.uk

We don't often mention beers from the big brewers in our newsletter as they are readily available everywhere but Marstons have decided to produce a single hop beer for every month in 2012, although the base beer will be the same a different hop variety from around the world will be used with the name depicting its origin. January's hop was Wai-iti 4% from New Zealand with February's being Hallertau Mittelfruh 4% which is German. I tried the January one in the Fisherman's Rest near Belper after failing to find it elsewhere, a lot of Marstons pubs tend to stick to Pedigree so you have more chance of finding these beers at pubs that sell their guests

Middle Earth - Derby

Derby Winter Beer Festival will feature Honey Dragon and a new chocolate ginger stout called Black Rose

Mr. Grundy's - Derby

www.georgianhousehotel.info

Brian the brewer at Mr. Grundy's has produced a new beer for 2012 it is called Golden Dawn 4% and is a pale coloured quaffable session ale available on the bar now

Tracy and all the staff welcome you to the

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Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

Our first walk of the New Year took place on the 15th and was a local-ish walk for us as we started from the car park opposite the Poet & Castle & Codnor. We got on the footpath to the castle remains then took Castle lane down to Codnor Park and Ironville. After a coffee break in Riddings Wood we moved on to Riddings unfortunately (I thought) a tad too early for the pubs as we passed the New Inn but as we walked round the corner the **Moulders Arms** door was open so we called in (my watch must be slow). Here we were treated to Burton Bridge Vertical Hold & Bridge Bitter, Peakstones Rock Black Hole and Doom Bar.

The latter 2 were sampled and found to be in good order. Now I'm not saying the **Seven Stars** is close, but if we'd had to take our boots off to go in the "Thack" it wouldn't have been worth putting them back on. Here there was OSH, Pedi and Spire Candleriggs 1909 Dark, which was very drinkable at 5%+. Del and I both felt at home in this Traditional timber panelled pub. From there it was across Riddings Park to **Somercotes** where we called in the **GBG Horse & Jockey** to find Directors Best Bitter and Everards Tiger Triple Gold....a little disappointing for our target pub. Very Characterful though, it was a bit like sitting in a 1960's front room. We walked down the road and found another pub, something to do with horseshoes, but they had no real ale so we lost interest immediately. From there it was down to Swanwick Junction and across Butterley Park back to Codnor where thankfully the road works had done for the day

On Sunday 22nd Uncle Albert joined us as we ventured in to deepest, darkest Rutland, parking up (after a seemingly interminable drive) in the somnolent village of Pickworth. We set off down a track called The Drift and then took a footpath across to the village of **Ryhill** where (after crossing the River Gwash....come on now how many of you have heard of that one?) we happened upon the Millstone pub, which was in the process of being renovated (we thought) but fortunately a little further down the road the **Green Dragon** came to our rescue. Here we had a choice from London Pride, Blacksheep Bitter and Oakham JHB & Bishop's Farewell. For some insane reason Del & I went for the JHB (maybe just to see if it was as bad as I remember....and it was) while Uncle Albert went for the LP. We sat outside even though the wind was blowing a gale. Next we took the path to **Belmesthorpe** and the **GBG Blue Bell** where Bass, GK IPA & Abbot, Oakham Scarlet Macaw and Abbeydale Epiphany were on offer. The decision was made to have the Oakham, which left me wanting another drink to take the taste away and reinforced my opinion that Oakham beers just aren't to my taste. The pub however was outstanding with exposed stonewalls and stone flagged floors, our kind of pub. From there we retraced our steps back to Ryhill and continued on to Tolethorpe. Shortly after that we discovered that the path had been re-routed so we exercised our right to roam to ensure we didn't have to go too far our of our way

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Jennings Lakeland, a new beer for me, which was not good. Cameron's Strongarm was again sampled and Pedigree was also on - the former is a great beer I would like to see more often in our area rather than the latter. On our last day the weather was vile so took a trip north in the car on the coast road to **Staithe**s. I noticed a sign for a beer festival by the car park before a quick walk down the steep hill and back. This turned out to be the **GBG Captain Cook** minus a pub sign, partially refurbished since July by new tenants. What a disaster driving to a beerfest but I forced down some substantial pork pies and was able to sample a few in small measure. Those tasted were all excellent - Redscar Scrooge, Slater's Blitz, Roosters Advent, North Yorkshire Jingle Bx@lcks, Wychwood Hobgoblin Ho Ho, Young's Winter Warmer, Fuzzy Duck Cunning Stunt and Revolutions Fairy Tale. In addition to some ciders those not sampled were Gray's Stocking Filler, Brampton Winter Bock (6% barley wine), Copper Dragon Christmas Classic and Blue Monkey 99 Red Baboons. An excellent selection but unfortunately right place wrong time for me. There were plenty more Whitby pubs not visited that may have been ok but I suspect that only national beers would have been available with several others being NRA status. Trips to outlying villages would no doubt be worthwhile if staying for longer - Chris P Duck

A visit to **Whitby** from Dec 27-29th enabled a survey of some of the town pubs. On the first evening we started in the **Dolphin** by the swing bridge. This was in the process of a much-needed refurb and should be nice with plenty of character when completed. Looked grotty from outside but to my surprise noticed 4 real ales so we went in and had acceptable Copper Dragon Golden Pippin and HH Rocking Rudolph with Tetley and Black Sheep also available. Moving along to the **GBG Black Horse** which was very small and crowded. The beer range was very poor with Adnams Bitter, Black Sheep & Rocking Rudolph - none of which were any great shakes quality wise. Two more interesting beers were to follow but I thought this was poor for a **GBG** entry with a miserable barmaid to boot. At the far end of the harbour we visited the **Middle Earth Tavern** where the Golden Pippin promptly ran out. Whilst waiting for a replacement this turned out to be not ready so the only alternative was **Abbot**, which was a surprising choice of guest beer. A very friendly local where the landlady came and sat chatting with us and a youth rather the worse for wear cheerfully wished us a happy New Year. Next just along the same street was the **GBG Endeavour** where extracting conversation from the barman was like drawing teeth. The beers however were the best of the night with Brains Young Rev the pick. The others were John Smiths, Yates Golden, Robinson's Elbow and Harviestoun Bitter & Twisted, which was then replaced by Adnams Broadside. The next day we walked on the coast in a gale force wind to eventually find shelter in the **Victoria** at **Robin Hood's Bay** to sample Copper Dragon Christmas Classic, Wold Top Anglers Reward, Cameron's Best & Strongarm and Black Sheep. The quality was very good and with a friendly welcome and decent food prices would be well worth a return visit. Later that day we visited the other **GBG** pub in **Whitby**, the **Station**. I tried Black Dog Whitby Abbey and Ossett Silver King which were excellent with Timothy Taylor Golden Best, Cameron's Strongarm, Sharps Doom Bar, Old Peculier, Caledonian Flying Scotsman and Castle Rock Harvest Pale saved for a return visit the next day, which proved to be abortive as the place was rammed with pub quizzers. On the way back to the B&B we called in the **Granby** for a Jennings Sneck Lifter which was good and a

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Saturday 14th January I embarked on a crawl of the Trent-Barton "Nines" route using a Zig-Zag Play Ticket (£4.50 for CAMRA members, after 9.00am). **Horse & Jockey** at **Somercotes** had a very nice Arkell's 3B 4% on. **Devonshire Arms** at **South Normanton** had Blue Monkey Ape Ale 5.4% and the ever-present Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby 6% on, which were both excellent and all beers are £2.40/pt regardless of strength. **Talbot Taphouse** at **Ripley** had, amongst other beers, Amber Winter Ruby 5.1%, Amber Original Stout 4% and an excellent Amber Imperial IPA 6.5%. **Midland** at **Ripley** had Blue Monkey Guerilla 4.9% on.

Sir Barnes Wallis at **Ripley** had a range of Everards beers on with Everards Old Flame 3.5% and Tiger 4.2% being tried and found to be in good nick in this friendly estate pub. **Beehive** on **Peasehill Road, Peasehill, Ripley** had **Cottage Western Champion** 4.6% and **Cottage Defender** 5% on. All real ales are only £2/pint in this friendly, cosy, off the beaten track pub - **Bagpuss**

RuRAD Supporting Local Beer Festivals

The **Old Oak Inn, Horsley Woodhouse** festival held in the **RuRAD Bar** between 26th and 30th of December. There were some 24 ales, 1 cider and 1 perry on the menu, with a selection of 8 or 9 beers on the main bar. The **Dark Star American Pale Ale** 4.7%, **Dancing Duck Abduction** 5.5% and **Salamanders Scavengers Daughter** 5.2% all sold out very quickly. **Oakham Dreamcatcher & White Horses Giants Stairs** never made it. Again a good mix of beers including beers from **Steel City, Black Iris, Milk St, Lytham, Welbeck, Nutbrook, Titanic, Fynne & Orkney** to name but a few. The **Enigma** from **Nutbrook** was another popular beer again quickly selling out, I think the **Clippings IPA** at 6.5% was the strongest beer on offer and at the other end of the scale the **Snow white** 4.2% from **Castle Rock** and the **Royal** 4.4 % from **Lytham** proved to be as popular. The **Magic Rock** beer **High Wire** 5.5% also appeared at the festival and this was thanks to **Stefan** from the **General Havelock** and **Queens Head** who managed to sort the beer out for the festival it was much appreciated. All in all another good festival with pie and peas proving very popular and music on every night were all factors in creating the right atmosphere for a good festival - **Charisma**

Friday 20th of January I paid a visit to the beer festival at the **Victoria Hotel, Beeston**. There were 15 beers on the outside bar with the likes of **Grafters Darker Side of the Moon, Leeds Eager Eager Owl, Cross bay Night Fall, McMullen Country Bitter, Thorne Best Bitter & Welbeck Abbey St Simon**. I tried to keep on the darker beers going for **Sambrooks Power House Porter** and **Oakleaf Pompey Royal**. Inside there were a further 10 beers on handpull of which I sampled **Moorhouse Premier Bitter** (one I missed at the **Royal Oak** beer festival last October). Other beers were from **Castle Rock, Blue Monkey, Everards, Ossett, Holdens, Phoenix** and **Welbeck Abbey**. A very popular festival - **Ed**

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Beer Festival Diary - Near and Not so Near

- 2nd to 4th February West Bridgeford Hockey Club Beer Festival, 276 Loughborough Rd-West Bridgeford 20 Ales
3rd to 4th February Chesterfield Beer Festival, Winding Wheel-Chesterfield 100+ Ales 16 Ciders/Perry
9th to 11th February The Salmon Brewsters Festival, Buff Close Lane-Leicester 22 Beers Brewed By Brewsters
9th to 12th February SIBA Champions Beer Festival, Canal House, Canal Street-Nottingham 56 Ales
15th to 18th February Derby Winter Fest, The Roundhouse Pride Park-Derby 300 Ales, Cider/Perry & Continental Beers
16th to 18th February Shakespeare Beer Festival, 146-148 Gibraltar Bar, West Bar-Sheffield 20+ Ales
17th to 19th February Hucknall Beer & Cider Festival, John Godber Centre-Hucknall, Notts 30+ Ales, Cider + Perry
22nd to 25th February Johnson Arms Beer Festival, 59 Abbey Street-Old Lenton, Notts 25+ Cask Ales over 5 Days
22nd to 26th February Longstop Beer Festival, The Longstop, Churchgate-Leicester Tel 01162 621536
29th February to 4th March 4th Winterfest Beer Fest, Unicorn Inn, Repton Road-Newton Solney, 20+ Ales Tel 01283 703324
1st to 3rd March Loughborough Beer Festival, Polish Club, True Lover's Walk (off William St)-Loughborough
7th to 10th March Leicester Beer Festival, Charotar Patidar Samaj, Bay St/South Churchgate-Leicester
14th March to 1st April Real Ale & Cider Fest, All Wetherspoon Pubs www.idwetherspoon.co.uk
29th to 31st March Holly Bush Inn Beer Festival, Holly Bush Lane-Makeney

- 1st to 4th February Chelmsford Beer Festival, Triangle Club, Essex CC, Duke Street-Chelmsford, Essex 130+ Ales/Cider
2nd to 4th February 8th Pendle Beer Festival, Colne Municipal Hall-Colne, Lancashire 70 Ales Cider/Perry Bottled Beers
2nd to 4th February 17th Tewkesbury Winter Ale Fest, George Watson Memorial Hall, Barton St-Tewkesbury, 70 Winter Ales
3rd to 4th February Redditch Winter Ale Festival, Rocklands Social Club, 59 Birchfield Rd-Redditch 33 Ales + Cider/Perry
3rd to 4th February Lichfield, Winter Beer & Wine Fest, Lichfield Guildhall, Bore Street-Lichfield 33 Ales, Cider + 20 Wines
3rd to 4th February 19th White Cliffs Festival of Winter Ales, Maison Deu (Town Hall)-Dover 75 Winter & Strong Ales
3rd to 4th February 24th Dorchester Beerex, Corn Exchange, High St West-Dorchester 80 Ales
8th to 10th February 22nd Battersea Beer Fest, Battersea Arts Centre, Grand Hall, Town Hall Rd, Lavender Hill-Battersea
9th to 11th February 30th Fleetwood Beer Festival, The Marine Hall, The Esplanade-Fleetwood 125 Ales Cider/Foreign
10th to 11th February 5th Ilkley Beer Festival, Ilkley Kings Hall, Station Road-Ilkley 120+ Ales
16th to 18th February Liverpool Beer Festival, Metropolitan Cathedral Crypt-Liverpool 220 Ales +Cider/Perry
16th to 18th February 33rd Warwick University Real Ale Fest, Copper Rooms, University of Warwick 100+ Ales/Cider/Perry
16th to 18th February Harrogate Charity Beer Festival, Harrogate International Centre, Kings Road-Harrogate 30+ Ales
16th to 18th February 29th Luton Beer Festival, Hightown Sports & Arts Centre, Concorde Street-Luton 113 Ales Cider/Perry
17th to 18th February Gosport Winter Beer Fest, Thorngate Halls, Bury Street, Gosport 80+ Ales & Cider
17th to 18th February 3rd Elysian Beer Festival, The Maltings Ship Lane-Ely, Cambridgeshire
23rd to 25th February Bradford Beer Festival, Victoria Hall-Saltaire 100+ Real Ales, Cider & Foreign Beers
23rd to 26th February Springhead Tavern Beer Festival, Walsall Rd-Darlaston
24th to 25th February 3rd Chappel Winter Beer Fest, East Anglian Railway Museum, Colne Railway Station-Chappel 60+ Ales
29th February to 3rd March Rotherham Real Ale & Music Festival, Magna Science Adventure centre, Sheffield Rd-Rotherham
1st to 3rd March 25th Wigan Beer Festival, Sports Centre, Robin Park Indoor Sports Centre, Loire Drive-Wigan 50+ Ales
1st to 3rd March Cheshire Ring Beer Festival, 72 Manchester Road-Hyde 20+ New & Rare Ales
2nd to 3rd March 4th Horsforth Beer Festival, St Margaret's Hall, Church Road-Horsforth 60 Ales
7th to 9th March 28th London Drinker Beer & Cider Fest, Camden Centre, Bidborough St-London 70+ Ales Cider/Perry
8th to 10th March 22nd Sussex Beer Festival, Hove Centre, Town Hall-Hove 150+ Ales 40+ Ciders & Perries

We advise confirmation of dates and times before attending the above festivals, as changes may occur.

Well that's all for this issue folks however if you have any info or news which could be included in a subsequent issue of "In the Sticks" please contact Charisma Bypass on 07974 171243 / charismabypass2005@yahoo.co.uk or Rodders on uplonkerrodneym2006@yahoo.co.uk by the 23rd of the month.

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Quote of the Month:

"Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza"